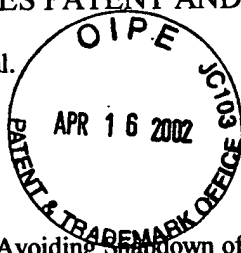


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In Re: Michael F. Miller, et al.  
Serial No: 10/016,797  
Filed: December 10, 2001  
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Optical Membrane and Fabrication Process



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Concise Explanation Requirement (non-English references):

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☐ the explanation provided on the attached sheet.

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It is requested that the information disclosed herein be made of record in this application.

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